



School Garden Bike Tour

Sunday, May 3rd, 2015 from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Come join us for a fun and informative tour of four amazing DC school gardens! Along the way you will have the chance to taste what's growing, meet the people that are teaching students in the garden, and explore each space. Between each stop we will take an easy ride together. Snacks and lunch will be provided to the first 40 people to register. Registration is free but there is a suggested donation of \$10 which will go directly to the school garden that received the most votes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sam Ullery at sam.ullery@dc.gov. Register here today! <http://springschoolgardentour2015.eventbrite.com>

Description of school stops and approximate arrival/ departure times:

JO Wilson Elementary School

660 K St NE

(11:45-12:15) + SNACK

In preparation for Strawberries and Salad Greens Day, we have planted our solar-powered vertical growing towers with...you guessed it, strawberries and salad greens! Students help plant, maintain and harvest from the garden to support our weekly CSA program and garden market. Hopefully we will have a few strawberries ready to harvest by then, but if not we will definitely be able to sample the countless greens and herbs we have growing with a delicious salad!

Funds will be used to create 4-5 sub-irrigated, self-watering planter beds which would be used to rent out to community members during the summer months.



Tyler Elementary School

1001 G St SE

(12:30-1:00)

Tyler's Outdoor Classroom space was created back in 2007, but it wasn't until spring of 2014 that the school began to build its FoodPrints garden. We're kind of the new kid on the garden block, but great things have been happening even this first year: a wildly popular lettuce tasting in the cafeteria last spring (though it was amazing we had so much since kids would constantly nibble on greens during recess), 60+ lbs of sweet potatoes harvested this fall (unearthed, weighed, cooked, and subsequently devoured by students), and student-planted snap peas coming up this spring. Get ready for a hands-on activity and tasting in our garden!



Funds will be used to build a metal [arbor](#) and grapes or hardy kiwi vines that would create a nice "entrance" at one end of the garden... and, frankly, the kids have been saying that we *need* more fruit around our veggie garden. They're right.

Eastern High School
1700 E Capitol St SE
(1:15-1:30).

In 2011, Eastern High School and City Blossoms began a partnership to revitalize the Eastern Legacy Garden and Greenhouse. Today, Eastern students care for the large garden and attached commercial-grade greenhouse as part of Mighty Greens, a cooperative business they created. Mighty Greens grows, harvests and packages produce to distribute through their in-school Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. They also use their goods to make products like soaps, lotion bars and flavored salts. On the day of the bike ride Mighty Greens will harvest some fresh kale to produce a refreshing snack for our visitors.

Funds would be used to expand this summer and sell produce and products from the Eastern Legacy Garden at nearby Farmers Markets and a CSA. Purchases may include packaging materials as well as supplies to continue producing value-added products using herbs from the garden.



Walker Jones

1125 New Jersey Ave. NW

(2:00-3:00) + LUNCH

The K Street Farm at Walker Jones is a one-acre school farm, located adjacent to the Walker Jones Education Campus, a Pre-K through 8th grade DC Public School. This educational school farm is managed and maintained by DC Greens as a unique resource for the teachers, students and parents at Walker Jones and the surrounding community. It is also a professional development training site for our network of school garden coordinators from all 8 wards of the city.

Funds will be used to purchase two new queen bees for our bee hives. It was a rough winter for our bees and we want to make sure students have the opportunity to learn from and observe a productive hive.

